

# THE SENATE



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## Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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### Minutes of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Room 110, Farnum Building

The Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs was called to order by Senator Patricia Birkholz, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason. (5/5)**

Senator John Gleason led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

Senator Birkholz, the Chair, introduced the Senator from the 27<sup>th</sup> District, Senator John Gleason, to the committee members and staff.

The Chair laid before the committee the proposed operating rules for the committee.

The Chair informed the committee that the only change from last session's operating rules was the following:

16. Minutes shall include the date, time, place, members present, members absent, members excused, names of individuals testifying with the name of their organization that they represent, and all roll call votes taken at the meeting.

**Senator Van Woerkom moved the adoption of the committee rules as the operating rules for the committee.**

**Senator Basham supported the motion.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 3, 2009.

**Senator Patterson moved to adopt the minutes of December 3, 2009 as printed.**

**Senator Patterson supported the motion.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 10.

**Senate Bill No. 10, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 40107b.

Senator Randy Richardville, the bill sponsor, explained the bill to the committee members. Following his introduction of the bill, Senator Richardville responded to questions from committee members.

David Hogan, representing the Michigan Hawking Club, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Hogan answered questions from committee members following his testimony. A copy of his written testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bill.

Dan Eichinger, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bill.

Amy Spray, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

**Senator Patterson moved to report Senate Bill 10 with the recommendation that the bill pass.**

**Senator Gleason supported the motion.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

**Senator Van Woerkom moved that the committee further recommend that the bill be given immediate effect.**

**Senator Gleason supported the motion.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)**

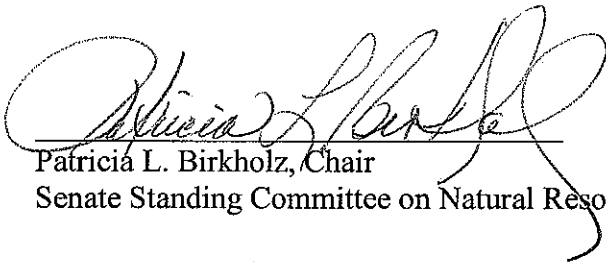
**Nays: None. (0)**

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

There being no other business before the committee; **Senator Van Woerkom moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Senator Basham supported the motion.**

The motion prevailed; the time being 1:30 p.m.



Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs



Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk



Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
Date approved by the committee